

Her contribution to journalism has been legendary. Her contribution to her country through journalism has been extraordinary. It has been our good fortune to follow her leadership in journalism, to be guided by her wisdom, and certainly to be influenced by her good judgment on many, many occasions over these extraordinary decades which she has been involved.

I express my condolences to her family and say farewell to someone who has made an extraordinary impact on our country and on her profession.

I yield the floor.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I want to join with Senator DASCHLE in expressing our heartfelt thoughts to the members of her family. Meg Greenfield put up an extraordinary fight against cancer for a very long period of time and did so with incredible bravery and extraordinary elegance, style, and class.

For the past two decades, she was the editor of the editorial page at *The Washington Post*, and in her long and brilliant career, the editorial page set an unsurpassed standard of excellence on all the great issues of the day in the nation's foreign and domestic policy.

She earned a Pulitzer Prize and many other honors during her outstanding career. For a quarter century, her extraordinary columns in *Newsweek Magazine* were a consistent voice of insight and reason that we looked forward to and learned from.

I had the opportunity to visit her just about 2 weeks ago. She was always immensely understanding and respectful of the political process. She admired those who were part of the political process in the finest sense, and believed that those who were really committed to public life could make a difference in our society.

She was a hopeful, idealistic person who wrote with great clarity, great eloquence, and great passion about the state of our nation. She established a high standard by which political leaders of both parties could try to measure themselves.

She made an extraordinary difference with her life. She had scores of friends and was highly regarded and respected in her business. To those who knew her and respected her, she was a giant in the writing press. A graduate of Smith College, Meg Greenfield became one of the greatest women and greatest journalists of our time, and we will miss her very much.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, my colleagues have spoken about Meg Greenfield. I also want to echo their sentiments.

I think what was most amazing about her was not just her great talent, her ability to write, her extraordinary breadth of knowledge and interest, but to watch her, especially in the last few months, when ravaged by disease, she continued that same interest. She continued her work.

When you spoke with her or saw her, she never spoke about her own illness;

she spoke of her interest in others. I have never once during her long illness heard her complain about her illness, but rather she would talk of others.

This was an extraordinary woman who left much earlier than she should have left this Earth, but she left behind a legacy of the truest of professionalism and one that will be missed.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, let me say a few words also about Meg Greenfield. This was an extraordinary journalist, an extraordinary person, a person who anybody would have to look up to.

I remember as a young conservative meeting with her. She was fair and decent to me. It just about meant everything to me that she would take time to discuss some of the great issues of the day with me.

I have inestimable respect for her. My sympathy and the sympathy of my wife Elaine goes out to her family. They have real reason to be very proud of her. She set standards of journalism that were very high. What pleased me is that even though I know she disagreed with me on a number of issues, she was very fair, very frank, and very decent when we discussed them. She went out of her way to make me feel welcomed.

Whether you agree or disagree with the *Washington Post*—I personally believe it is one of the greatest newspapers in America—for her to rise to the pinnacle of her profession in that great newspaper and to make sure that the editorial page and other aspects she worked with in the *Washington Post* were done with integrity and decency always impressed me.

We will miss her. Our love and affection and hearts go out to the family. She deserves the respect of everybody in this body, and, frankly, many, many, more throughout the country.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, our sympathies go out to the family of Meg Greenfield. She was, indeed, an extraordinary person, a thoughtful and brilliant writer and reporter.

#### THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, May 12, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,578,150,283,470.74 (Five trillion, five hundred seventy-eight billion, one hundred fifty million, two hundred eighty-three thousand, four hundred seventy dollars and seventy-four cents).

One year ago, May 12, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,491,841,000,000 (Five trillion, four hundred ninety-one billion, eight hundred forty-one million).

Five years ago, May 12, 1994, the Federal debt stood at \$4,577,406,000,000 (Four trillion, five hundred seventy-seven billion, four hundred six million).

Ten years ago, May 12, 1989, the Federal debt stood at \$2,764,990,000,000 (Two trillion, seven hundred sixty-four billion, nine hundred ninety million)

which reflects a doubling of the debt—an increase of almost \$3 trillion—\$2,813,160,283,470.74 (Two trillion, eight hundred thirteen billion, one hundred sixty million, two hundred eighty-three thousand, four hundred seventy dollars and seventy-four cents) during the past 10 years.

#### DEATH OF HOLLY SELF DRUMMOND

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, South Carolina recently lost one of its most prominent citizens, Holly Self Drummond, who was known and admired by many throughout the Palmetto State.

"Miss Holly" passed away at the age of 77, and though she led a full life, her death still came too soon. Each of us who knew Holly Drummond remember her as a vibrant, outgoing, and gracious lady who was a pillar of her community and an individual who embodied all that is good about the South.

This was a woman who distinguished herself in many ways throughout her life. She was active in any number of organizations that made her community and our State better places to live. She served as a member of the South Carolina Palmetto Cabinet; the Greenwood Woman's Club; the Sasanqua Garden Club of Ninety Six; and, on the Board of Visitors of Winthrop University and Piedmont Technical College. She was also active in her local church, and of course, was a fixture at the State House where her able husband has served for many years. Her contributions truly benefited others and served as an example of civic mindedness that others strove to emulate.

Holly Drummond's passing is sad-denying for many reasons. My grief is deepened for this woman was a loyal supporter, and more importantly, a valued friend. I had known Holly for more years than I can remember, and her family was well known to me.

Mr. President, Holly Self Drummond's passing leaves a tremendous void not only in the town of Greenwood and the State House of South Carolina, but in the lives of the many men and women who called her "friend." Holly Drummond will not soon be forgotten, and I am certain that all those who knew her would join me in sending condolences to her family.

#### DERAILING NBC'S ATOMIC TRAIN

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, scare tactics may boost your ratings, but they won't do much for your credibility—especially when you advertise fiction as fact. This weekend, NBC will air a miniseries that is so far from plausible it is indeed laughable. The plot for this hyped up film revolves around a horrifying nuclear accident stemming from the transportation of nuclear weapons and hazardous waste on a train from California to Idaho.